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Federal Election Commission
Office of the General Counsel
999 E Street, N.W.
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Re: MUR 4895

Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter, submitted on behalf of our client Bob Barr – Congress, Charles C. Black as treasurer, responds to the complaint in the above-referenced matter. The complaint itself lacks merit or is otherwise moot, but does demonstrate that anyone can file a complaint with the Commission. It incorporates hyperbolic rhetoric and a ream of paper (which is public record), all of which confuses quantity with substance.

The accusations regarding the reporting of contributors' occupation and employer, and the use of best efforts, are moot in light of our recently executed conciliation agreement. The Committee has already conciliated these issues, and has taken corrective action. Thus, no further action is warranted.

The remaining claims, even if taken as true, do not state a violation of the Act and/or Commission regulations – failure to disclose a personal NRA membership on Commission reports, for example, is not a violation. Nor are the other allegations, even if true, violations. Instead, although the Committee did in fact disclose and properly report the expenditures at issue, the complainant appears to challenge the adequacy of the current disclosure rules themselves. Although every citizen in America is entitled to his or her opinion, such opinions do not alter the current state of the law – a standard to which the Committee adhered.

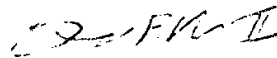
Ultimately, the Committee's efforts in 1994 were subject to full Commission scrutiny, and resolved. The Committee has conciliated and taken corrective action. This matter does not warrant any further action or expenditure of Commission resources. Accordingly, we ask that it be dismissed.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. L. Ginsberg".

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